

## **Political Signs: Campaigning in West Linn**

The City of West Linn regulates all temporary signs, such as political signs, on private and public property. You do not need to apply for a permit. There is no fee. The City does not distinguish between political signs, "House for Sale" signs or garage sale signs. Temporary signs are all regulated equally.

### **How long can they be up for?**

The maximum length of time is 60 days in calendar year for all signs. You cannot have four signs up for 60 days, take them down and have another five signs up for another 60 days. It is 60 days total.

### **Where can they go?**

No temporary sign is allowed in the public right of way. If you place a sign on private property you must have the property owner's permission. The sign must be two feet back of the sidewalk or, in areas with no sidewalk, three feet from the edge of the street. Signs can be freestanding or wall mounted. Signs over three feet tall on corner lots cannot be in the clear vision area so motorists' views will not be blocked. A ten foot by ten foot square at any intersection of streets must contain no signs (see illustration). Signs can be freestanding or wall mounted.

### **How many signs can I have?**

A private property owner is limited to five temporary signs in his/her yard at any time. The city does not regulate the content of the signs so if a property owner wants five signs all for one candidate or two political signs and three signs for a garage sale the city is not concerned. We are just limiting the number and size.

### **How big can they be?**

The maximum total square footage of signage is 25 square feet. That's the total square footage of all the signs. That means you can have five signs measuring five square feet each of any permutation that adds up to 25 square feet. The maximum height of any sign is seven feet. Temporary signs cannot be illuminated.

### **Can I use wall mounted signs?**

Wall mounted temporary signs are permitted but are limited to only one. Wall mounted signs can have maximum size of four square feet and can't be over 12 feet high.

### **Who removed my sign?**

The Police Department's Code Enforcement Officer will remove all signs that violate any aspect of these standards. You may pick these signs up at the front counter, first floor, Planning/Building Office at City Hall.

### **Further questions?**

Contact the City of West Linn Planning Department at 503-656-4211.

### **What chapter of the CDC should I read if I have more questions**

The sign chapter of the Community Development Code is Chapter 52; view this information online here: <http://westlinnoregon.gov/>.

# Illustration of correct sign placement:

